

California High-Speed Train

Altamont Corridor

**Project Status Briefing
Preliminary Project Description
May 7, 2009**



California High-Speed Rail Authority

Outline

- **Peter Valentine, Regional Manager, PMT**
 - Project Inception
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- **Brent Ogden, Regional Project Manager**
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Inception of Altamont Project

- Corridor identified and studied in Central Valley to Bay Area EIR/EIS
- Identified the Altamont Pass as having great potential for Regional Rail passenger service
- Proposed by Authority as a “Joint Use Corridor” requiring Local Partner to support regional rail function
- The Altamont Corridor is being progressed as a separate and complementary project to HST



Working Group Members

- **Alameda County Congestion Management Agency**
- **Altamont Commuter Express (ACE)**
- **BART**
- **Caltrain**
- **Capitol Corridor**
- **California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**
- **Metropolitan Transportation Commission**
- **San Joaquin Council of Governments**
- **Tri Valley Policy Advisory Committee**



Accomplishments

- **Altamont Corridor Partnership Working Group agreed on language added to AB3034 for inclusion of Altamont Corridor**
- **Authority & Working Group wrote scope of work and selected the Regional Consultant**
- **Working Group identified key project elements leading to development of Preliminary Project Description**
- **Outreach to corridor jurisdictions has been initiated and the project team has participated in Central Valley EIR/EIS scoping**
- **San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (operator of ACE) has agreed to be the local partner**

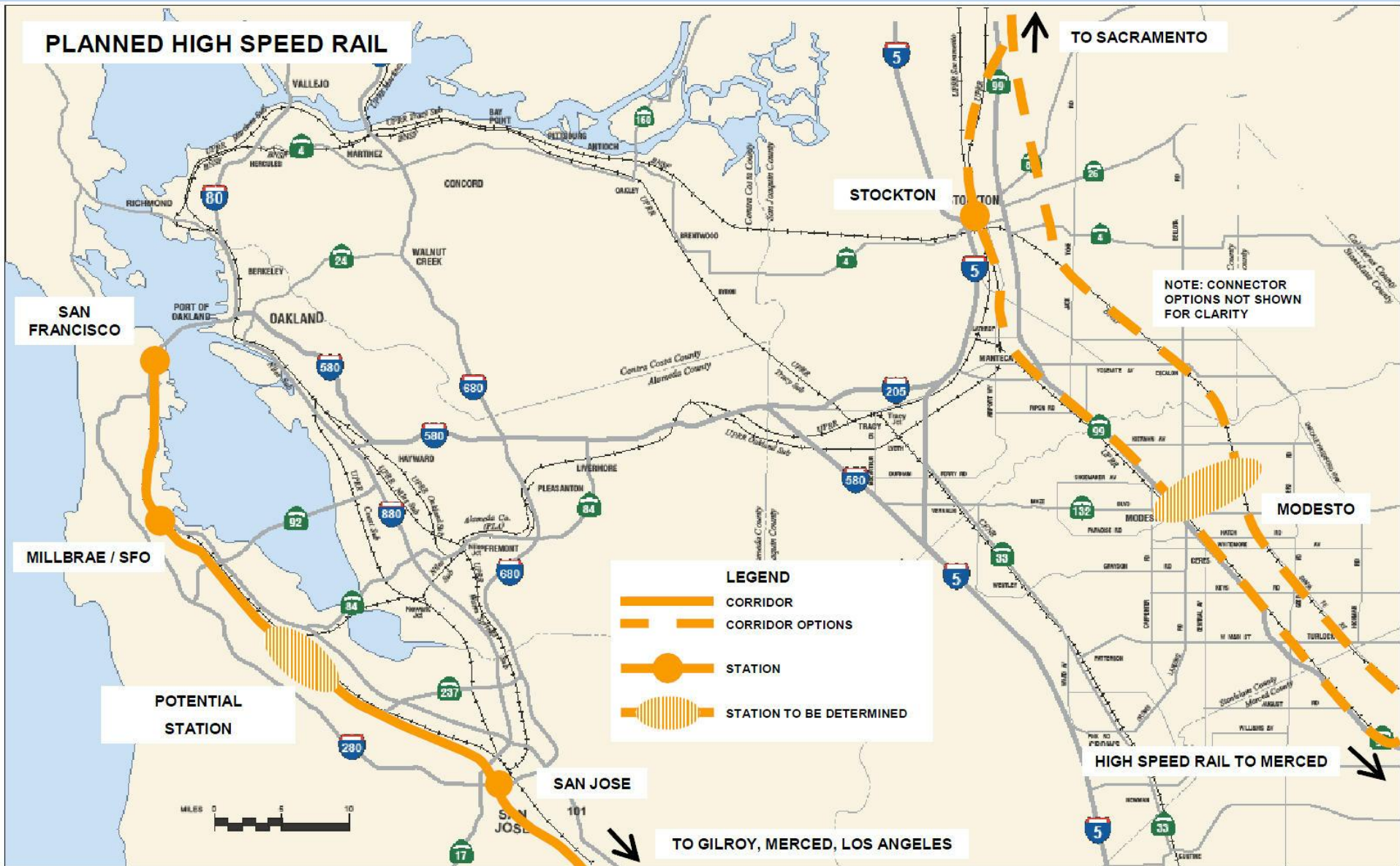


Key Goals & Objectives

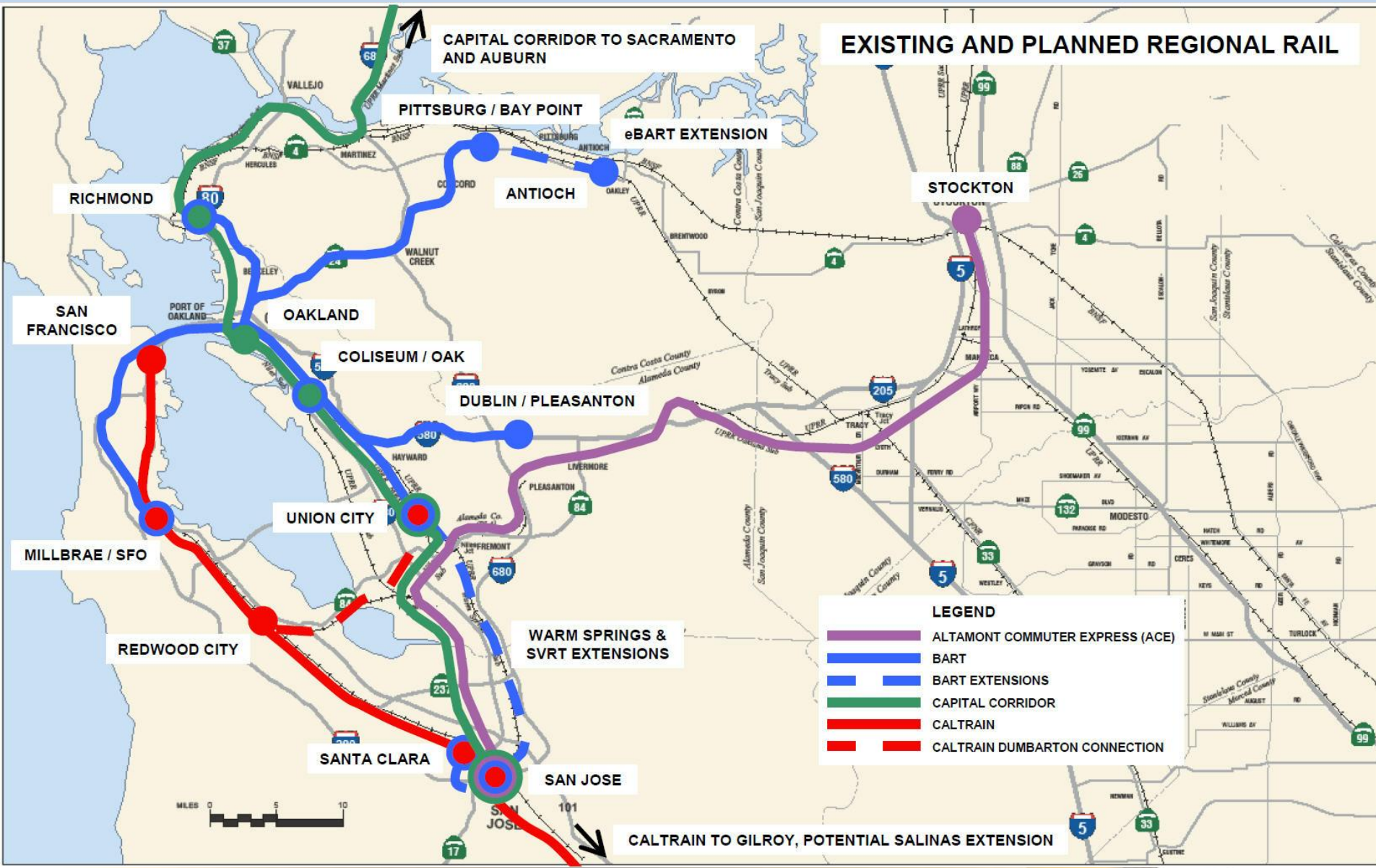
- **Providing a regional rail improvement linking the northern San Joaquin Valley with the Bay Area**
- **Improving ACE service (operating between Stockton and San Jose)**
- **Providing connectivity and accessibility to Oakland and Oakland International Airport**
- **Connecting to northern California HST lines and accommodate compatible light weight train sets serving regional destinations**



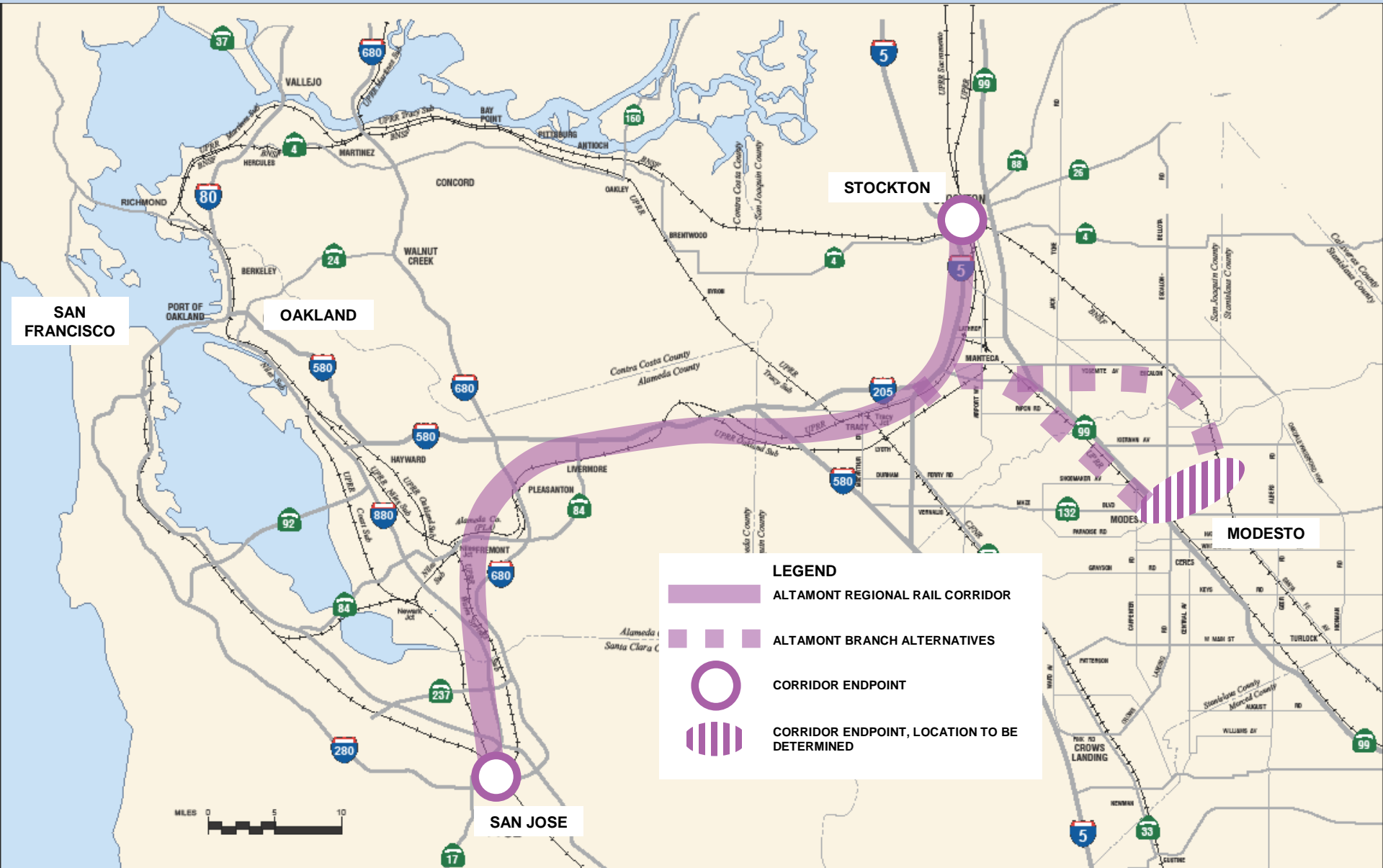
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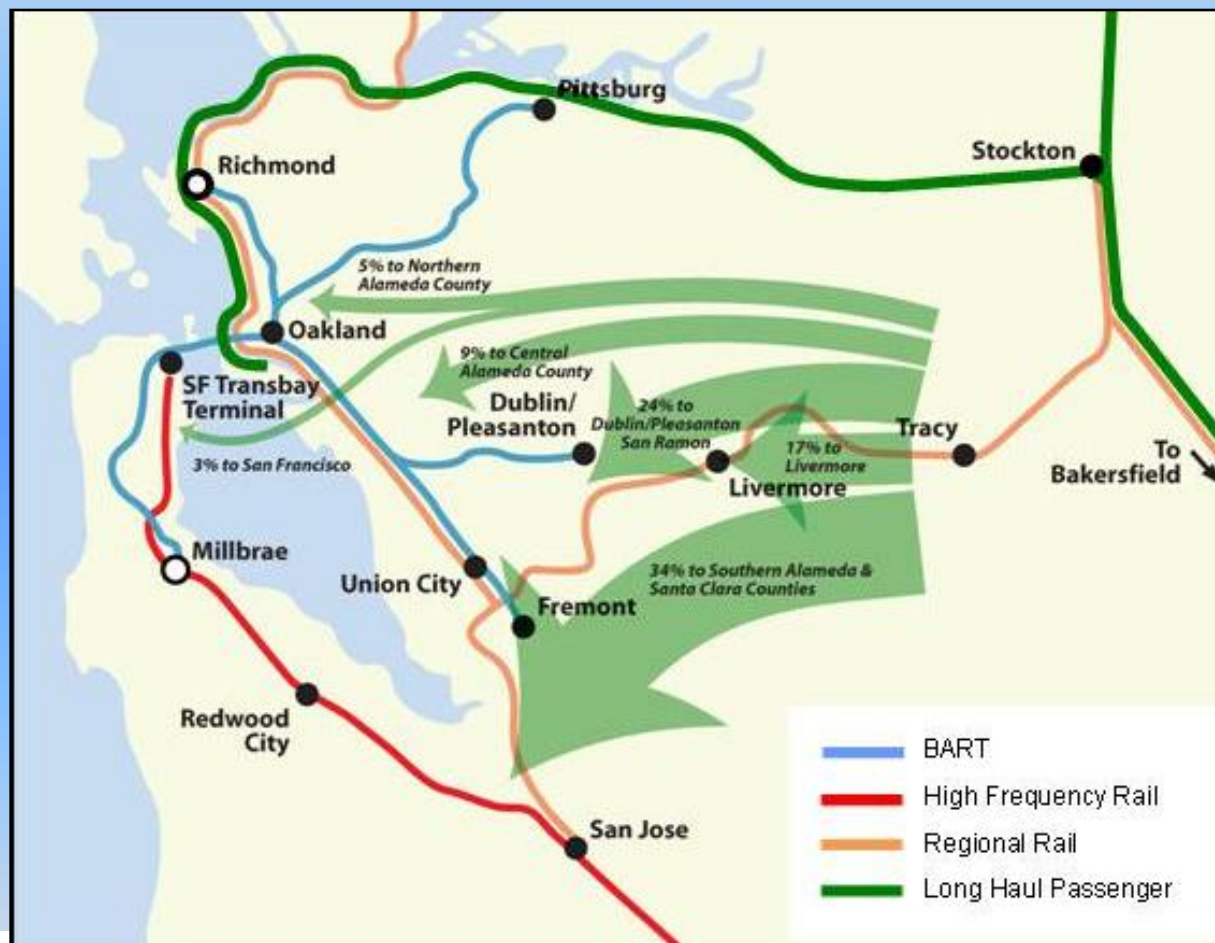
Existing & Proposed Regional Rail



Corridor Definition



Travel Demand



Source: BART I-580 Phase 1 Study, 2002

Elements of Project Description

- 1. The Altamont Corridor Project will provide an improved rail corridor between the northern San Joaquin Valley and the Bay Area to support passenger service between the Bay Area, the Tri Valley area, and the Northern San Joaquin Valley.**
- 2. The project will include a branch east of Tracy which will connect to the north – south HST line in the Central Valley to allow operation of trains between the Inner Bay Area and Modesto as well as points beyond.**
- 3. Potential stations should include Stockton, Tracy, Livermore, Fremont (vicinity), Milpitas and San Jose.**



Elements of Project Description, Continued

4. The project will provide an intermodal connection to a future extension of the Dublin/Pleasanton BART line in the Tri Valley area.
5. The project will provide an intermodal connection to BART in the Fremont / Union City vicinity.
6. The project will accommodate a future connection to the Dumbarton rail service in the Fremont/Union City vicinity.
7. The project will include an intermodal connection to the Valley Transportation Authority Light Rail network.

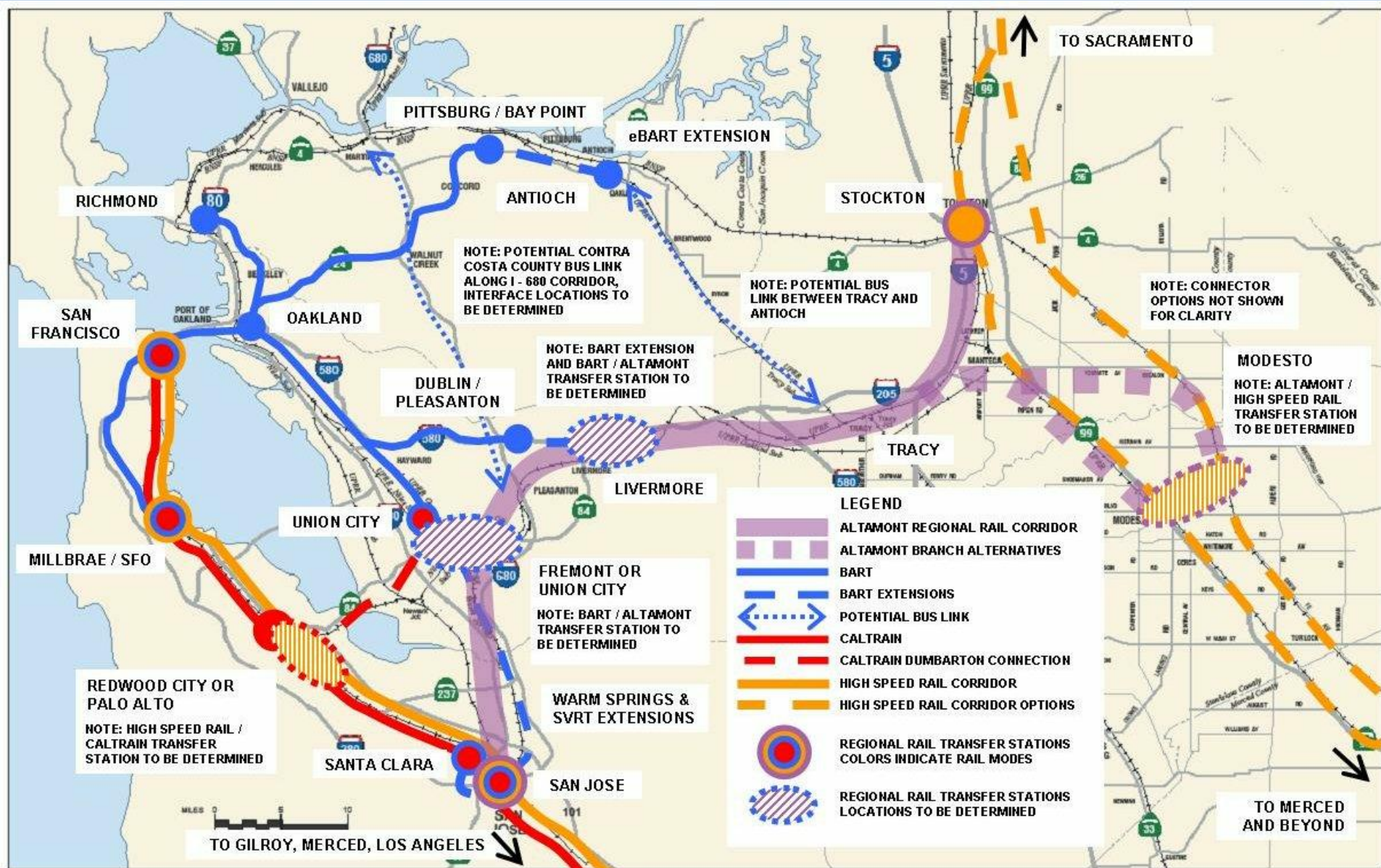


Elements of Project Description, Continued

8. The trackage will be fully separated from the UPRR and will be developed outside of the UPRR right of way where feasible.
9. As appropriate, near term improvements will be useable by the current ACE service.
10. The ultimate alignment will be grade separated, electrified, and fully compatible with HST equipment.



Altamont Connectivity



Next Steps

- **Sign MOU's with ACE & BART**
- **Incorporate FRA comments & develop MOU with FRA to serve as Lead Agency for NEPA**
- **Develop strategy for clearance of Livermore intermodal with BART & inform BART Livermore extension EIR/EIS**
- **Initiate formal Project-Level environmental clearance**
 - **Scoping meetings in late fall of 2009**
 - **Identify candidate alignments and stations**

